



BY THE KING.

¶ *A Proclamation prohibiting all Persons within this County of Oxford from buying or receiving Horse or Armes of any kind from any Souldiers of His Majesties Army, with a Command for bringing in of all such as have been Sold, Pawned, Left, or Lost by any Souldier.*



HEREAS We have found by Our own experience, as well as the information of others, That many Souldiers of Our Army have presumed to sell and pawne their Armes, which with so great difficulty We have provided for the defence of Us and Our Kingdom, and which by Our Military Orders, and Law-Martiall is death, as well to the Receiver and Buyer, as to the Seller. And whereas other of Our Souldiers upon their March have thrown away, or through negligence have lost many of their Armes, and have sold their Horses; We doe hereby require all Persons whatsoever within this Our County of Oxford, That they hence-forth presume not to buy any Armes whatsoever of any Souldiers in Our Army; and that within foure daies after the publishing this Our Proclamation, they bring and deliver all such Armes of what kind soever, either Muskets, Pikes, Swords, great Saddles, Pistols, Carabines, or the like, which they have so bought or received as aforesaid, to the hands of Our trusty and Well-beloved *Winter Graunt* Esquire, Our Waggon-Master Generall, at *John Robotham's* house in *Granpoole* in Our Citty of *Oxford*, promising them that they shall no waies suffer for what is past, so that they be not hereafter guilty of the same Offence. And We doe farther require every Souldier of Our Army, who hath sold or pawned any of Our Armes whatsoever as aforesaid, That within foure daies after the publishing this Our Proclamation, he informe and acquaint the chief officer of that Regiment wherein he serveth, with the names of such Places and Persons where and to whom he, or any other, to his knowledge, hath sold or pawned any such Armes as aforesaid, promising likewise, That the said Souldier or Souldiers shall no waies suffer for what is past, so that they be not hereafter guilty of the same Offence. And We farther require all Persons whatsoever, who have taken up, or found any Armes left or lost by any Souldiers in Our Army, or any Souldiers of the Army now in Rebellion against Us, or have bought any Horse, Gelding or Mare of any of Our Common-Souldiers, That they henceforward presume not to buy any Horse of what kind soever of any Common-Souldier without the consent of the Colonell or chief Officer of the Regiment of which such Souldier is, and that they likewise within foure daies bring and deliver all such Armes and Horses to the said *Winter Graunt*, or his deputies, at the said *John Robotham's* house in Our Citty of *Oxford*, who shall take a note of the names of all such who shall obey Us in these Our commands, and present their names unto Us, that We may take notice of their duty and Affection to Our service. And if a speedy obedience be not given to these Our Commands, We shall give further direction for the searching all Houles where is probable suspicion to find any such Armes or Horses. And Our pleasure is, That this Proclamation be read in every Parish Church throughout this County, and in the head of every Regiment in Our Army.

¶ *Given at Our Court at Oxford, the fifth day of Ianuary, in the Eighteenth yeare of Our Reigne.*

God save the King.